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Please consider the following AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION and LISTING AND AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS and the following REMARKS.